Customer Segmentation Analysis - K-Means Clustering and RFM Analysis

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0.1 Project: Customer Segmentation and Analysis

0.1.1 Stage Three: RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) Analysis

0.1.2 Introduction:

In this stage of the customer segmentation analysis, I delved into the dataset(cleaned) of the online retail store to unravel the intricacies of customer behaviour. By leveraging the powerful RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) analysis and K-Means Clustering algorithm, I aimed to distill valuable insights that could profoundly impact business strategies and enhance customer-centric decision-making.

0.1.3 Dataset Overview:

The dataset in this stage of the project encompasses a diverse array of almost 400K transactions, capturing the interactions of customers on the online retail platform. Features such as transaction dates(InvoiceDate), purchase amounts(UnitPrice), product quantity, stock code and customer identifiers form the foundation for a comprehensive exploration of customer dynamics.

0.1.4 Objectives of the Analysis:

The primary Objectives of this analysis are as follows:

- 1. Segmentation for Potential Targeted Marketing:
 - How can customers be categorized into distinct segments based on thier recency, frequency, and monetary contributions?
 - What insights can these segments provide to guide marketing strategies for improved customer engagements?
- 2. Identifying High-Value Customers:
 - Can we identify or pinpoint high-value customers who contribute significantly to the business's revenue?
 - What patterns in recency, frequency, and monetary metrics characterize these high-value customers?
- 3. Understanding the correlation between RFM metrics:
 - How does recency and purchasing frequency affect monetary contributions of each customer segment?
- 4. Customizing Communication Strategies:
 - How can communication strategies be customized for different customer segments to enhance the overall customer experience

• What personalized approaches can be adopted based on the identified RFM segments?

By delving into the recency, frequency and monetary dimensions of customer transactions, this analysis aims to provide actionable insights that empower the online retail store to optimize marketing efforts, improve customer engagement and experience.

```
[1]: import pandas as pd
     import numpy as np
     import plotly.express as px
     import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
     %matplotlib inline
[2]: df = pd.read_csv('online_retail_cl.csv')
     df.head()
[2]:
        InvoiceNo
                   StockCode
                                                        Description
                                                                      Quantity
           536365
                                WHITE HANGING HEART T-LIGHT HOLDER
     0
                       85123
                                                                             6
     1
           536365
                       71053
                                                WHITE METAL LANTERN
                                                                             6
     2
                       84406
                                    CREAM CUPID HEARTS COAT HANGER
                                                                             8
           536365
     3
           536365
                       84029
                               KNITTED UNION FLAG HOT WATER BOTTLE
                                                                             6
                                    RED WOOLLY HOTTIE WHITE HEART.
     4
           536365
                       84029
                                                                             6
                                                             Country TransactionType
                InvoiceDate
                              UnitPrice
                                         CustomerID
        2010-12-01 08:26:00
                                   2.55
                                               17850
                                                      United Kingdom
                                                                                  sale
     1 2010-12-01 08:26:00
                                                      United Kingdom
                                   3.39
                                               17850
                                                                                 sale
     2 2010-12-01 08:26:00
                                   2.75
                                               17850
                                                      United Kingdom
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                                               17850
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     4 2010-12-01 08:26:00
                                   3.39
                                                      United Kingdom
                                               17850
                                                                                  sale
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     0
              15.30
                            W1
                                       Dec
              20.34
                            W1
                                       Dec
     1
     2
              22.00
                            W1
                                       Dec
     3
              20.34
                            W1
                                       Dec
     4
              20.34
                            W1
                                       Dec
     df.shape
[3]: (399654, 12)
[4]: df.info()
    <class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
    RangeIndex: 399654 entries, 0 to 399653
    Data columns (total 12 columns):
         Column
                           Non-Null Count
                                             Dtype
     0
         InvoiceNo
                           399654 non-null
                                             int64
```

int64

399654 non-null

1

StockCode

```
Description
                      399654 non-null object
 2
 3
     Quantity
                      399654 non-null
                                       int64
 4
     InvoiceDate
                      399654 non-null
                                       object
 5
    UnitPrice
                      399654 non-null float64
    CustomerID
 6
                      399654 non-null int64
 7
     Country
                      399654 non-null object
 8
    TransactionType
                      399654 non-null object
    TotalAmount
                      399654 non-null
                                       float64
 10 MonthWeek
                      399654 non-null
                                       object
 11 MonthofYear
                      399654 non-null
                                       object
dtypes: float64(2), int64(4), object(6)
memory usage: 36.6+ MB
```

0.1.5 1. Converting InvoiceDate from object to datetime datatype

```
[5]: df['InvoiceDate'] = pd.to_datetime(df['InvoiceDate'])
[6]: df.dtypes
[6]: InvoiceNo
                                  int64
     StockCode
                                  int64
     Description
                                 object
     Quantity
                                  int64
     InvoiceDate
                         datetime64[ns]
     UnitPrice
                                float64
     CustomerID
                                  int64
     Country
                                 object
     TransactionType
                                 object
     TotalAmount
                                float64
     MonthWeek
                                 object
     MonthofYear
                                 object
     dtype: object
[]:
```

0.1.6 2. Calculate RFM (Recency, Frequency, Monetary) Metrics

2.1 Calculating Recency

```
[7]: # Getting the most recent date from our dataset
    most_recent_date = df['InvoiceDate'].max()
    print('Most recent date:', most_recent_date)

Most recent date: 2011-12-09 12:50:00
```

[8]: recency = most_recent_date - df.groupby('CustomerID')['InvoiceDate'].max() recency

```
[8]: CustomerID
      12346
              325 days 02:33:00
      12347
                1 days 20:58:00
      12348
               74 days 23:37:00
      12349
             18 days 02:59:00
      12350
              309 days 20:49:00
              277 days 02:58:00
      18280
      18281
              180 days 01:57:00
      18282
                7 days 01:07:00
                3 days 00:48:00
      18283
      18287
               42 days 03:21:00
      Name: InvoiceDate, Length: 4363, dtype: timedelta64[ns]
     2.2 Calculating Frequency
 [9]: frequency = df.groupby('CustomerID')['InvoiceNo'].nunique()
      frequency
 [9]: CustomerID
      12346
                2
      12347
                7
      12348
      12349
                1
      12350
                1
      18280
                1
      18281
                1
      18282
                3
      18283
               16
                3
      18287
      Name: InvoiceNo, Length: 4363, dtype: int64
     2.3 Calculating Monetary
[10]: monetary = df.groupby('CustomerID')['TotalAmount'].sum()
      monetary
[10]: CustomerID
      12346
               154367.20
      12347
                 4310.00
      12348
                 1437.24
      12349
                 1457.55
      12350
                  294.40
      18280
                  180.60
      18281
                   80.82
      18282
                  179.50
                 2039.58
      18283
```

18287 1837.28

Name: TotalAmount, Length: 4363, dtype: float64

0.1.7 3. Create RFM Table

3.1 Combine all RFM Metrics into a single table

```
[11]: merge_rfm = pd.merge(recency.dt.days, frequency, on ='CustomerID')
rfm_table = pd.merge(merge_rfm, monetary, on='CustomerID')
```

```
[12]: rfm_table = rfm_table.rename(columns={
    'InvoiceDate': 'Recency',
    'InvoiceNo': 'Frequency',
    'TotalAmount': 'Monetary'
})
rfm_table
```

[12]:		Recency	Frequency	Monetary
	CustomerID			
	12346	325	2	154367.20
	12347	1	7	4310.00
	12348	74	4	1437.24
	12349	18	1	1457.55
	12350	309	1	294.40
	•••	•••	•••	•••
	18280	277	1	180.60
	18281	180	1	80.82
	18282	7	3	179.50
	18283	3	16	2039.58
	18287	42	3	1837.28

[4363 rows x 3 columns]

```
[13]: # Checking the dimension of our generated RFM table rfm_table.shape
```

[13]: (4363, 3)

The shape of the RFM table indicates that it has a total of 4363 rows and 3 columns

0.1.8 4. Performing K-Means Clustering on the dataset

The K-Means clustering method is an unsupervised machine learning technique or algorithm used to identify and group clusters of data objects in a dataset based on similarities.

4.1 Standardize The Data Standardizing the RFM values to ensure equal weight during clustering

```
[14]: from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

scaler = StandardScaler()
rfm_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(rfm_table)
```

4.2 Choosing Number of Cluster(K)

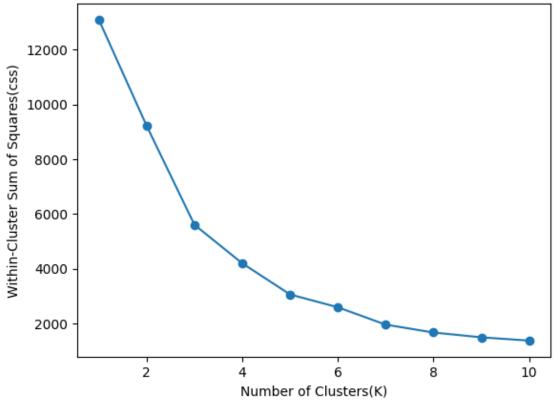
```
[15]: from sklearn.cluster import KMeans

css = []
for i in range(1,11):
    kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=i, n_init = 'auto' , init='k-means++', u
    random_state=42)
    kmeans.fit(rfm_scaled)
    css.append(kmeans.inertia_)
```

4.3 Plotting the Elbow Method

```
[16]: plt.plot(range(1,11), css, marker = 'o')
   plt.title('Elbow Method for optimal Clusters(K)')
   plt.xlabel('Number of Clusters(K)')
   plt.ylabel('Within-Cluster Sum of Squares(css)')
   plt.show()
```

Elbow Method for optimal Clusters(K)



From the elbow method plot above, the number of clusters in our dataset will be 3.

4.4 Applying K-Means Clustering

```
[17]: # Based on the Elbow Method our cluster(K) is 3
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters = 3, n_init = 10, init = 'k-means++', random_state = 42)
rfm_table['Cluster'] = kmeans.fit_predict(rfm_scaled)+1
rfm_table
```

[17]:		Recency	Frequency	Monetary	Cluster
	CustomerID				
	12346	325	2	154367.20	3
	12347	1	7	4310.00	1
	12348	74	4	1437.24	1
	12349	18	1	1457.55	1
	12350	309	1	294.40	2
	•••	•••	•••		
	18280	277	1	180.60	2
	18281	180	1	80.82	2
	18282	7	3	179.50	1
	18283	3	16	2039.58	1
	18287	42	3	1837.28	1

[4363 rows x 4 columns]

4.5 Grouping Each Clusters by the Means of Recency, Frequency and Monetary

```
[18]: # Exploring the clusters
    cluster_means = rfm_table.groupby('Cluster').mean()
    cluster_sizes = rfm_table.groupby('Cluster').value_counts()
    print(cluster_means)
```

	Recency	Frequency	Monetary
Cluster			
1	38.784810	5.65761	2005.423939
2	245.192238	1.83213	577.414116
3	25.687500	89.56250	129591.279375

From the above means generated with respect to each cluster, we notice that: 1. In terms of 'Recency', Cluster 3 had the least value which meant customers from that cluster performed a transaction or visited the site most recently. This is followed by Cluster 1 with the next least recency value. Cluster 2 recorded the highest recency value, meaning it has been a long time since customers of that cluster performed any transaction on or visited the online platform.

2. In terms of how 'Frequent' customers in each cluster transacted on the platform, Cluster 3 recorded the highest frequency of the three clusters, followed by customers in Cluster 1,

with customers belonging to Cluster 2 recording the least or lowest mean frequency of the three cluster groups.

3. For 'Monetary', the same observation can be made. Cluster 3 recorded the highest mean monetary value among the three clusters. This is followed by Cluster 1, with Cluster 2 recording the lowest mean monetary value of the three cluster groups.

[19]: print(cluster_sizes)

Cluster	Recency	Frequency	Monetary	
1	0	1	227.39	1
	91	2	547.90	1
		6	765.70	1
		4	1007.03	1
		3	1255.00	1
3	7	49	199206.05	1
	9	64	119434.39	1
	23	24	125490.88	1
	38	66	85046.25	1
	325	2	154367.20	1

Name: count, Length: 4363, dtype: int64

- **4.6** Implementing Customer Categorization Rules Based on Cluster Means For this, three levels of categorization will be used to represent the three customer clusters identified.
 - 1. High-Value: These customers exhibit the best RFM values and are the most valuable to the business. Criteria include;
 - Lower recency
 - High frequency
 - High monetary
 - 2. Average: This group of customers have moderate RFM values. Criteria for this category include:
 - Moderate recency (not the most recent but not too old)
 - Moderate frequency (average number of transactions)
 - Moderate monetary value (average spending)
 - 3. Low-Value: This last group of customers have the least attractive RFM values. Criteria include:
 - High recency (haven't made a purchase or transacted in a long time)
 - Lowest frequency
 - Lowest monetary value

```
elif row['Cluster'] == 1:
    return 'Average'
else:
    return 'Low Value'
```

```
[21]: # Applyig the categorization function to each row of the rfm_table rfm_table['CustomerCategory'] = rfm_table.apply(categorize_customer, axis = 1)
```

```
[22]: rfm_table
```

[22]:		Recency	Frequency	Monetary	Cluster Cu	ıstomerCategory
	CustomerID					
	12346	325	2	154367.20	3	High Value
	12347	1	7	4310.00	1	Average
	12348	74	4	1437.24	1	Average
	12349	18	1	1457.55	1	Average
	12350	309	1	294.40	2	Low Value
	•••	•••				•••
	18280	277	1	180.60	2	Low Value
	18281	180	1	80.82	2	Low Value
	18282	7	3	179.50	1	Average
	18283	3	16	2039.58	1	Average
	18287	42	3	1837.28	1	Average

[4363 rows x 5 columns]

```
[23]: category_count = rfm_table['CustomerCategory'].value_counts()
print(category_count)
```

CustomerCategory

Average 3239 Low Value 1108 High Value 16

Name: count, dtype: int64

From the above output; - Average value customers have the most representation among the three clusters with a total of **3239**. This is followed by low value category of customers with **1108** and then high value customers with just **16**.

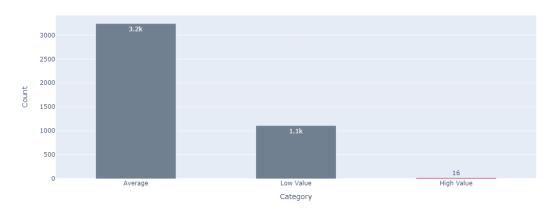
0.1.9 5. Visualization of Customer Segments using RFM Values

Bar charts, scatter plots, pie charts and a few other charts will be used to visualize relationship between the RFM values, and the data as a whole. We will be using both the clean data online_retail_cl.csv stored in the df variable and the rfm_table containing our RFM values and customer categorization.

5.1 Plot for the distribution of Customer Segments

```
[24]: # Get the value counts of customer categories or segments
      category_counts = rfm_table['CustomerCategory'].value_counts().reset_index()
      category_counts.columns = ['CustomerCategory', 'Count']
      # Creating a bar plot using plotly
      fig = px.bar(category_counts, x='CustomerCategory', y='Count',
                   labels={'CustomerCategory':'Category', 'Count':'Count'},
                   title='Customer Segmentation Distribution',
                  text auto = '0.2s',
                  hover_data = {'CustomerCategory'},)
      # Customizing the color of high value category
      colors = ['slategrey']*3
      colors[2] = 'crimson'
      fig.update_traces(marker_color=colors)
      fig.update_layout(hovermode = 'x')
      fig.update_layout(bargap=0.5)
      fig.update_layout(width = 700, height = 500)
      fig.show()
```

Customer Segmentation Distribution

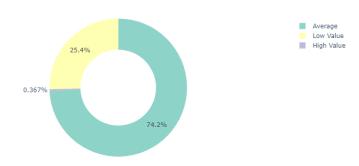


5.1.1 Customer Segment Distribution by Proportion (%)

```
[25]: # A pie chart will be employed in representing the proportions of each customer_segment

segment_prop = rfm_table['CustomerCategory'].value_counts().reset_index()
segment_prop_columns = ['CustomerCategory', 'count']
```

Customer Segmentation by Proportion(%)



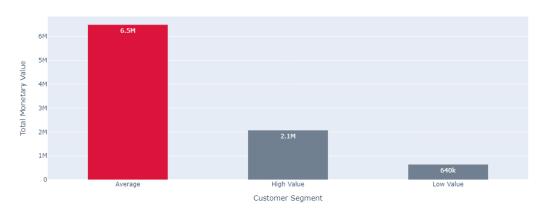
5.2 Plotting Monetary values realized from each customer segment

```
[26]: # Calculating the monetary value for each customer segment
      monetary_total = rfm_table.groupby('CustomerCategory')['Monetary'].sum().
       →reset_index()
      fig = px.bar(monetary_total, x='CustomerCategory', y='Monetary',
                  title='Total Monetary value by Customer Segment',
                  labels={'CustomerCategory':'Customer Segment', 'Monetary':'Total

→Monetary Value'
},
                  #hover_data = {'CustomerCategory'},
                  hover_data={'Monetary': ':,.2f'},
                  text auto = '0.2s')
      colors = ['slategrey']*3
      colors[0] = 'crimson'
      fig.update_traces(marker_color=colors)
      fig.update_layout(hovermode = 'x')
      fig.update_layout(bargap=0.5)
      fig.update_layout(width = 700, height = 500)
```

```
\label{lower} \textit{\#fig.update\_layout(xaxis\_title='Customer~Segment',~yaxis\_title='Monetary~Value')} \\ \textit{fig.show()}
```

Total Monetary value by Customer Segment



5.3 Plotting Recency values for each customer segment

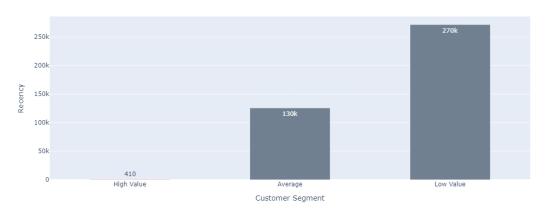
```
CustomerCategory
```

High Value 411 Average 125624 Low Value 271673

Name: Recency, dtype: int64

```
fig.update_traces(marker_color = colors)
fig.update_layout(hovermode = 'x')
fig.update_layout(bargap = 0.5)
fig.update_layout(width = 700, height = 500)
fig.show()
```

Customer Segment by Recency



5.4 Plotting the Frequency of each customer segment

CustomerCategory
High Value 1433
Low Value 2030
Average 18325

Name: Frequency, dtype: int64

```
fig.update_layout(bargap = 0.5)
fig.update_layout(hovermode = 'x')
fig.update_layout(width = 700, height = 500)
fig.show()
```

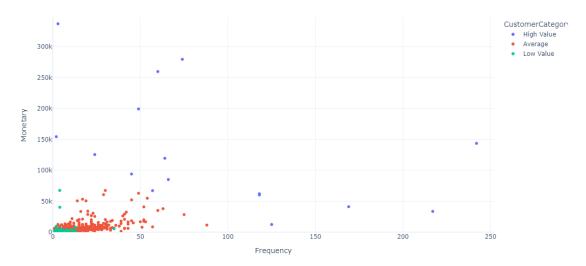
Customer Segment by Frequency



5.5 Plot to visualize Relationship between RFM Metrics / Values For this task a scatter plot will be used to visualize the relationship between the two RFm values. This will help identify patterns across the different customer segments with respect to these two values.

5.5.1 Plot to visualize Relationship between Frequency and Monetary values

```
[31]: # Creatig a scatter plot using Plotly
      #customer_id = rfm_table[rfm_table['CustomerID']].unique()
      fig = px.scatter(rfm_table, x = 'Frequency', y = 'Monetary',
                       title = 'Relationship between Frequency and Monetary Values',
                       labels = {'Frequency':'Frequency', 'Monetary':'Monetary'},
                        range_x = [0, rfm_table['Frequency'].max() + 10], # set x-axis_\( \)
       ⇔range starting from zero
                        range_y = [0, rfm_table['Monetary'].max() + 10000], # set_{\bot}
       \rightarrow y-axis range to start from zero
                       color = 'CustomerCategory', # color points based on customer_
       \hookrightarrow category
                       template = 'plotly_white',
                       hover data = {'Monetary':':,.2f'},
                       hover_name = 'Cluster')
      fig.update_layout(height = 600)
      fig.show()
```



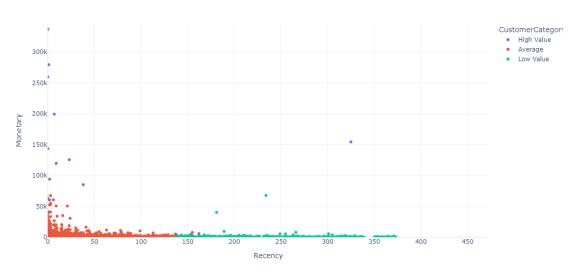
From the scatter plot above, the following observations were made with respect to the relationship between Frequency which is the number of times a customer visited the online retail store and performed a transaction and Monetary which represents the total monetary value of each customer's trasanction. 1. High Value customers had the least representation on the plot with the lowest number of data points. The frequency values for this customer segment ranged from a frequency of 2 to 242. This customer segment also recorded the highest monetary value among the three segments, with a monetary value of approximately 336,942K been the highest and a value of approximately 12,365K been the lowest in this segment.

- 2. From the plot, Average customers had the most data points. It is observed that the highest concentration of these data points fall between a frequency of **0** and **50**, and a monetary value of between **0** and approximately **33,923K**. For the segment, the highest frequency recorded is **88** and the highest monetary value is **67,387K**.
- 3. From the scatter plot, it is observed that most of the data points for Low Value customers fall between a frequency value of 1 and 13, and monetary value falling between 1,693.88 and 9,344.14. For this segment, the highest frequency value recorded is 35, with the highest monetary value of 67,532K.

We can conclude from the representation of data points on the scatter plot with respect to the three customer segment, that: - A higher frequency (Number of visits) does not translate into a corresponding higher monetary value and vice versa.

5.5.2 Plot to visualize Relationship between Recency and Monetary values

Relationship between Recency and Monetary Values



Insight: From the above scatter plot above, the following observation was made of the relationship between Recency which represents how current or recent a customer's visit to the online retail store is and the Monetary value realized from their visit.

- 1. High Value customers had some of the most recent visits to the online retail store. The recency values for this segment ranged from **0** days to **325** days since a customer of this segment last visited the online retail store. In terms of monetary value of these visits, we observed very high monetary values realized for visits with a recency of zero. This recency value of zero represents visits that are less than 24 hours, meaning most high value segment customers either visited the online store at or within the same time range. From the visualization we can say the most monetary gain from high value customers was realized between **0** and **38** recency values. Only one had a recency value of **325**.
- 2. For Average customers, their recency values ranged from **0** days(same day or within 24 hours) to **162** days since a customer in this segment or category last visited the online retail store. In

terms of monetary value for the segment or category, we realised a monetray value of **67,387K** for a recency of **3** days. This was the highest in this segment and with monetary values as low as **298**. Form the scatter plot, we can say that the most monetary gain for this customer segment was realised between **0** and **24** recency values.

3. Low value customers had the highest recency values comparatively among the three customer segment. The recency values for this segment ranged from 135 days to 373 days. In terms of monetary value for this segment, we observed values as low as 168 with a recency of 339 days since the last visit. Although this segment recorded very low values overall, we observed a couple of low value data points that had a monetary value as high as 67,533 and a recorded recency value of 234.

[33]:		Recency	Frequency	Monetary	Cluster Cu	ustomerCategory
	CustomerID					
	16446	0	3	336942.10	3	High Value
	18102	0	60	259657.30	3	High Value
	14911	0	242	143555.42	3	High Value
	15311	0	118	61981.31	3	High Value
	12748	0	217	33481.57	3	High Value
	14606	0	125	12365.70	3	High Value

From the above table, we see that customer with ID 16446 recorded the least frequency value of 3 but also recorded the highest monetary value of 336,942K.

2. Majority of the customers of the online retail store fall in the Average customer segment. This segment recorded a recency value ranging from 0 to 162.

```
[34]: # Filtering out data on average customers based on their monetary value and recency

rfm_filter = rfm_table[rfm_table['CustomerCategory'] == 'Average']

rfm_filter.sort_values(by = 'Monetary', ascending = False)
```

[34]:		Recency	Frequency	Monetary	Cluster	CustomerCategory
	CustomerID					
	16684	3	30	67387.00	1	Average
	17949	0	49	62845.22	1	Average
	15769	6	29	60681.72	1	Average
	15061	3	54	54817.94	1	Average
	14096	3	17	53258.43	1	Average
	•••	•••	•••			•••
	13307	119	1	15.00	1	Average
	14792	63	2	12.40	1	Average
	16454	63	1	5.90	1	Average
	16428	80	1	2.95	1	Average

13256 13 1 0.00 1 Average

[3239 rows x 5 columns]

Insight: From the table above, the highest monetary value realized from this segment is 67,387.00K with a recency value of 3, meaning customer with ID 16684 visited the online store very recently and during this time this customer visited the store 30 times. We can also see that customer with ID 13256 last visit to the online store was 13 days ago from our data and visited the site only once and performed no transaction of any kind accounting for a monetary value of 0.00.

3. Low Value customers account for the second highest number of customers in our data. Customers within this segment recorded a recency value of between 135 to 373. In terms of monetary value, a high of 67,532.70K was realized to as low as 1.25.

```
[35]: # Filtering out data on low value customers based on their monetary value and recency

rfm_filter = rfm_table[rfm_table['CustomerCategory'] == 'Low Value']

rfm_filter.sort_values(by = 'Monetary', ascending = False)
```

[35]:		Recency	Frequency	Monetary	Cluster	CustomerCategory
	CustomerID					
	15749	234	4	67532.70	2	Low Value
	15098	181	4	40213.50	2	Low Value
	12590	189	2	9344.14	2	Low Value
	13093	266	13	7923.47	2	Low Value
	17850	301	35	5478.94	2	Low Value
	•••	•••	•••			•••
	12605	364	1	7.50	2	Low Value
	16738	297	1	3.75	2	Low Value
	12943	300	1	3.75	2	Low Value
	14679	371	1	2.55	2	Low Value
	16995	371	1	1.25	2	Low Value

[1108 rows x 5 columns]

Insight: The table above shows customer with ID **15749** visited the online store **234** days ago since his or her last visit and in that time visited the store only **4** times but still recorded the highest monetary value of **67,532.70** in this segment.